asked to take action against its officers for the lapse/dereliction of duty pointed out by the Commission.

Thefts in Trains

*228. SHRI V GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many complaints did Railway Protection Force receive regarding thefts of goods and valuables on Tamil Nadu, Grand Trunk and Kerala Express during the last three years, year-wise and trainwise;

(b) how many of them have since been successfully solved by Railway Protection Force so for;

(c) how many complaints are still pending with Railway Protection Force for recovery of goods and disposal;

(d) whether it is a fact that the passengers who are/were victims of thefts of goods and valuables are harrassed by Railway Protection Force when they approach the concerned authorities to register the FIR; and

(e) whether any such case or complaint in this regard has been received in the past by concerned authority; if so, what action has been taken against these who were found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (e) Statistical figures of such complaints are maintained by the Government Railway Police, which functions under the control of the State Governments concerned.

RPF is not legally authorised to register and investigate such complaints. Therefore, there is no question of Railway Protection Force harrassing the victims of thefts of goods.

Physio Occupational Therapist service

*229. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) when was the Physio Occupational Tharapist Service started in Central Institute of Orthopaedics, Safdarjung Hospital;

(b) what is the existing strength as against the sanctioned/required strength of the Department;

(c) what are the reasons for not filling up the requisite strength of the department; and

(d) what steps have been taken/proposed to be taken in this regard;

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The service was started in January, 1991.

(b) to (d) Against a sanctioned strength of 7 Physio/Occupational Therapists in the Central Institute of Orthopaedics, 4 posts are filled. Selection has already been made in respect of 3 vacant posts and the offer of appointment has been issued in 2 cases.

Oil Fields in Assam

230. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the oil fields in Assam have failed to attract any bidders;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the response for other oil fields in the country apart from Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH

SHARMA): (a) No offer has been received for development of oil fields in Assam.

(b) Since bidding by companies is related to their evlauation of commercial aspects, it is not possible to state specific reasons for absence of of offers.

(c) 117 bids in all have been received for developument of seven medium and 24 small-sized oil and gas fields.

Construtions of Roads and Buildings in Periyar Tiger Reserve"

*231. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the construction of roads and buildings being carried out in Periyar Tiger Reserve in violation of the norms set by his Ministry;

(b) if so, whether the construction has been threatening the lush green environs of the Reserve; and

(c) if so, what action is being taken to stop construction and to protect the Reserve from any threat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The consruction of roads and buildings in Periyar have been undertaken for intensification of management and are not in violation of the norms set by this Ministry

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Location of Retail Outlets for sale of Petrol and Petroleum Products

*232. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many demand surveys were conducted for location of retail outlets for sale of petrol and petroleum products; and

(b) how many new sale points are projected by the demand surveys the State wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Locations for opening of retail outlets are identified by the oil companies on the basis of feasibility studies. This is an ongoing and continuous exercise and is carried out by the oil companies. Based on these studies, 1424 new retail outlet proposals have been included in the approved Marketing Plan for 1988-93. Statewise details are given in the attached Statement.

Statement

State-wise details of retail outlet marketing plan 1988-89

State	No.
1. Andhra Pradesh	57
2. Arunachal Pradesh	3
3. Assam	38
4. Bihar	175